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Education and Degrees

1982-1987: Undergraduate student at the Department of Biology, University of Patras, Patra, Hellas. Diploma (BSc) in Biology.

1988-1994: Graduate student at the Center of Biological Research and Biotechnology, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Hellas. PhD Diploma in Molecular Biology, Biology Department, University of Athens, Athens, Hellas.

1994-1996: Research Associate, in the context of the 23-months mandatory military service, at the laboratory of Surgical Pathology, Naval Hospital of Athens.

1996-1999: Post Doctoral Research Associate at Mount Sinai Medical School, University of New York and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, NYC, USA

1999-2000: Post Doctoral Research Associate at Hellenic Pasteur Institute, Athens, Greece.

Research activities

1986-1987: **Diploma thesis** on “Heat shock proteins of *Drosophila melanogaster*, *Ceratitis capitata* and *Aspergillus nidulans*. A comparison”. University of Patras, Biology Department, Laboratory of Genetics, Cell Biology and Differentiation.

1987: **Visiting scientist** at the Laboratory of Genetic Biochemistry at the Necker Hospital, Paris. Work on the desegregation of the human chromosome 21.

1988-1994: **Ph.D. thesis** work at the National Hellenic Research Foundation on “Immunochemical identification and characterization of a novel nuclear RNP”.

- 1991: **Visiting scientist** at the Laboratory of Biochemistry, University of Nijmegen, Nijmegen, The Netherlands. Recipient of an **EMBO short-term fellowship**. Work on the cloning of a novel RNP protein.
- 1994-1996: **Research Associate**, in the context of the 23-months mandatory military service, at the laboratory of Surgical Pathology, Naval Hospital of Athens. Work on identification of possible prognostic and/or diagnostic markers of Breast Cancer using RT-PCR and immunocytochemistry.
- 1996-1999: **Research Associate** at the Ruttenberg Cancer Center, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York University, and **Howard Hughes Medical Institute**, New York City, NY, USA. Work on the biochemistry of V(D)J recombination.
- 1999-2000: **Research Associate** at the Laboratory of Molecular Genetics, Hellenic Pasteur Institute, Athens, Greece. Work on the Discovery of novel genes and/or pathways in the development of Rheumatoid Arthritis, using animal models, Differential Display PCR and DNA microarrays.
- 2000: **Visiting Scientist** at the laboratory of TAGC, INSERM/CNRS, University of Marseille at Luminy, France. Wet lab training on nylon DNA microarrays.
- 2000: Appointed (12/12/2000) as **Researcher grade C** (eq. Assistant Professor, tenure track) at the Institute of Immunology, Biomedical Sciences Research Center “Alexander Fleming”, Vari/Athens, Greece.
- 2001: **Visiting Scientist** at the laboratory of Genome Science, Genomic Exploration Research Group, RIKEN, Yokohama/Japan. Wet lab training on glass cDNA microarrays.
- 2002: **Visiting scientist**, recipient of an **EMBO short term fellowship**, at the Ludwig Institute of Cancer Research, University of Uppsala, Sweden. Wet lab training on glass cDNA microarrays. Work on the expression profiling of an animal model of Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- 2006: Appointed as **Researcher grade B** (eq. Associate Professor, tenure) at the Institute of Immunology, Biomedical Sciences Research Center “Alexander Fleming”, Athens, Greece.
- 2012: Appointed as **Researcher grade A** (eq. Full Professor) at the Institute of Immunology, Biomedical Sciences Research Center “Alexander Fleming”, Athens, Greece.

Academic activities

- He has supervised 7 Ph.D students, 10 Master students and 8 diploma students (Hyperlink [Dissertations and theses](#)).
- He is a lecturer in several post graduate master courses in Greece
- He has been invited to present his work to a plethora of conferences and academic institutes.
- He has served as a reviewer in >38 scientific journals, as well as in the Faculty of F1000.

- He has served as an evaluator of national and international grant proposals: ΓΓΕΤ, ΙΚΥ, ΕΛΙΔΕΚ, Alliance National de la Research (ANR), British Lung Foundation, German-Israeli Foundation, Netherland Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), European commission/Marie Curie.

Other activities

- He pioneered the use of DNA microarrays and related bioinformatic tools and set up the first expression profiling service unit in Greece.
- He is a co-founder of [Biomedcode Hellas](#), a Fleming spin-off for preclinical evaluation studies and novel drug development and he has applied for two patents.
- He is a founding member of the of the Scientific Society for Rare Diseases & Orphan Drugs ([SSRDOD](#)).
- He has supervised the creation of several [mouse databases](#), in the context of various international collaborations aiming to promote mouse database functionalities and interoperability.
- He has signed >21 material transfer agreements for proprietary materials (genetically modified mice and monoclonal antibodies)
- His work provided the scientific proof of principle for the ongoing [clinical trials](#) on ATX inhibition in IPF patients.

Funding (Hyperlinks: [Funding](#))

- Six Europeans and eleven Greek competitive research grants of a total budget >3900000€
- 4 research contracts/agreements with the international pharmaceutical industry.

Publicity (Hyperlinks: [In the news](#))

Publications (Hyperlinks: [PubMed](#), [Google Scholar](#), [Fleming](#))

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3. Guialis, A., Patrinou-Georgoula, M., **Aidinis, V.**, Sekeris, C.E. and Moutsopoulos, H.M. (1994). Anti-5S RNP antibody levels correlate with disease activity in a patient with SLE syndrome. *Clin. Exp. Immunol.* 95, 385-389.

4. **Aidinis, V.**, Sekeris, C.E. and Guialis, A. (1995). Two immunologically related polypeptides of 72/74 KD specify a novel 70-110S heterogeneous nuclear RNP. *Nucl. Acid Res.* 23(14): 2742-2753.
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6. Santagata, S., **Aidinis, V.** and Spanopoulou, S. (1998). The effect of Me+ cofactors at the initial stages of V(D)J recombination. *J. Biol. Chem.* 273 (26):16325-16331.
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